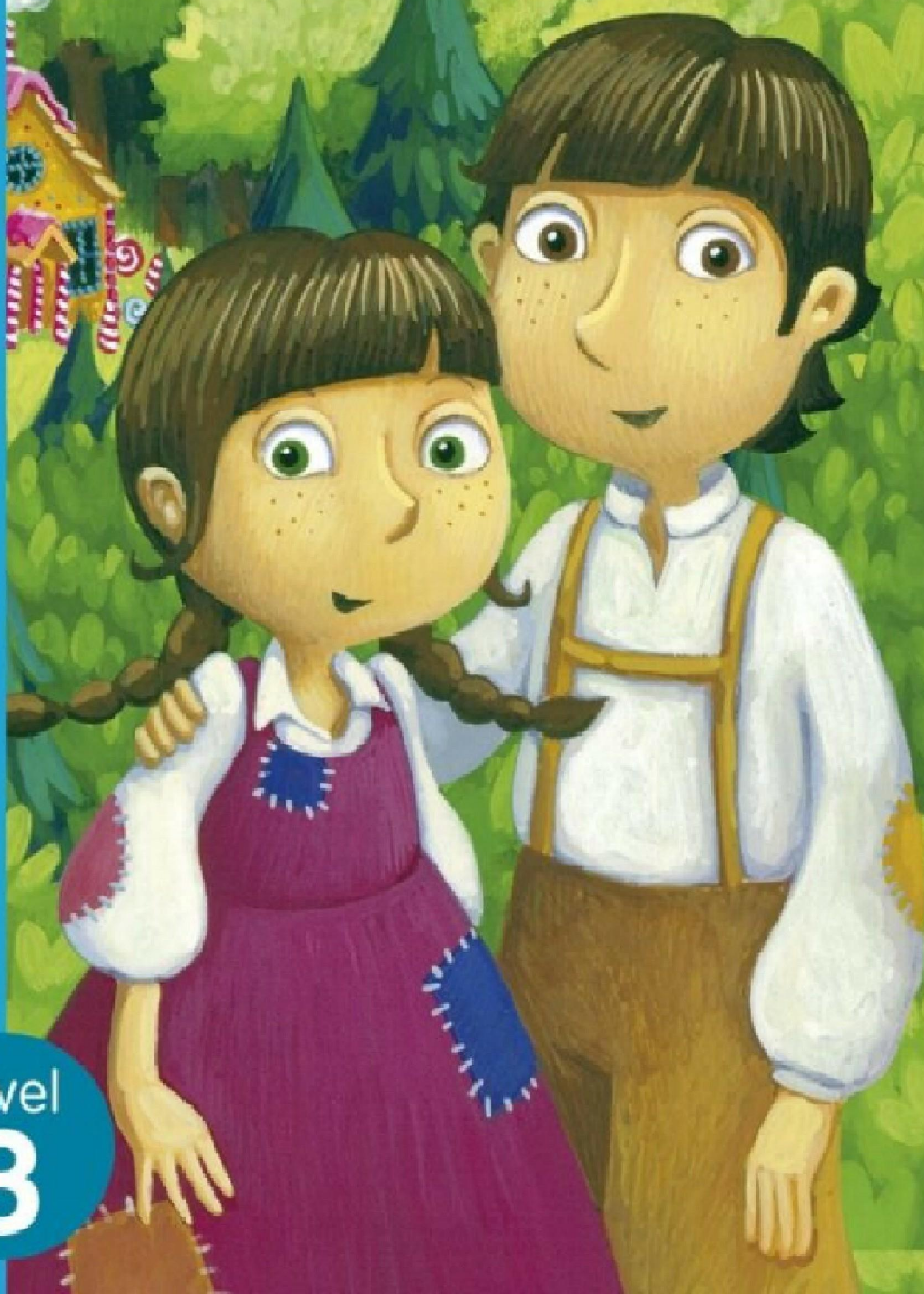




Read it yourself with Ladybird

# Hansel and Gretel



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# Note to parents, carers and teachers

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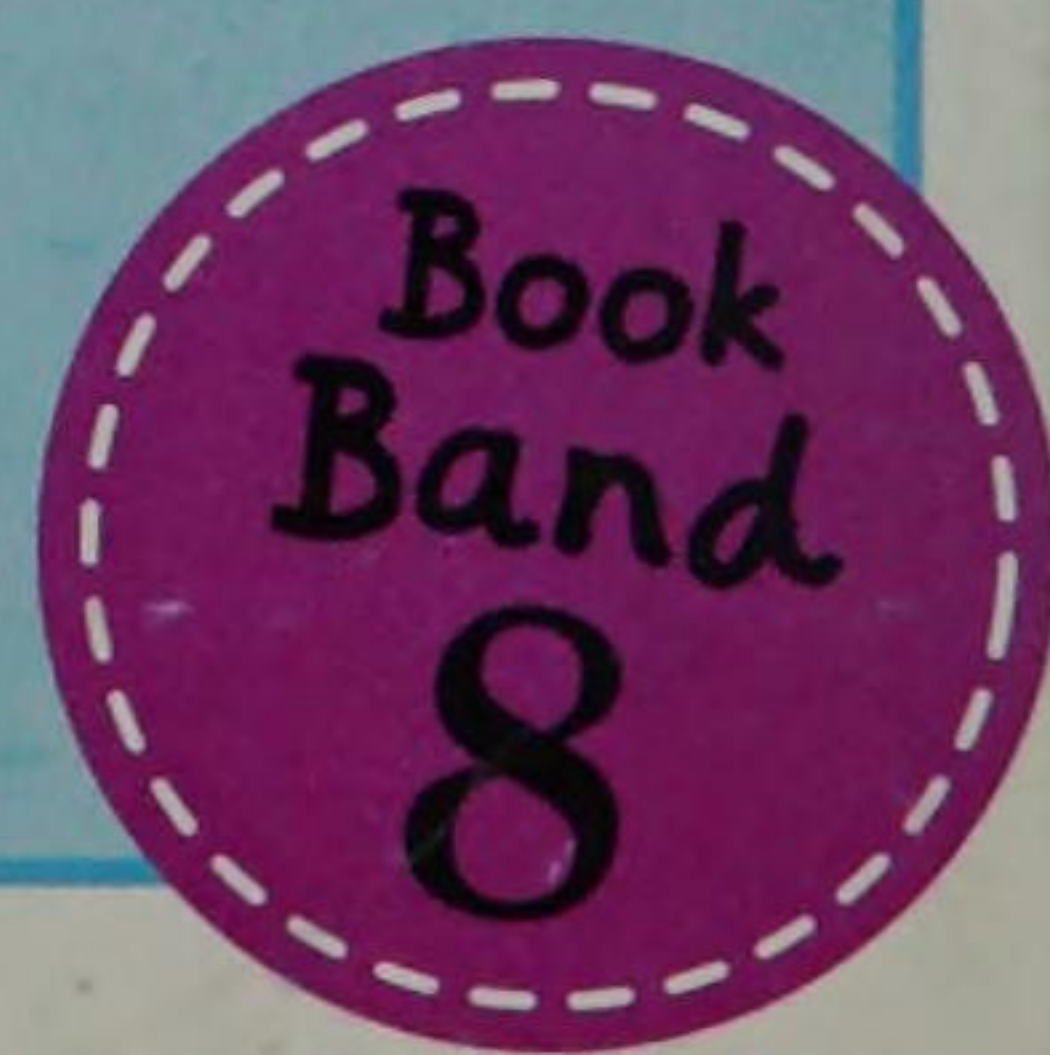
Each book is carefully structured to include many high-frequency words vital for first reading. The sentences on each page are supported closely by pictures to help with understanding, and to offer lively details to talk about.

The books are graded into four levels that progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer stories as a reader's ability and confidence grows.

## Ideas for use

- Ask how your child would like to approach reading at this stage. Would he prefer to hear you read the story first, or would he like to read the story to you and see how he gets on?
- Help him to sound out any words he does not know.
- Developing readers can be concentrating so hard on the words that they sometimes don't fully grasp the meaning of what they're reading. Answering the puzzle questions on pages 46 and 47 will help with understanding.

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**Level 3** is ideal for children who are developing reading confidence and stamina, and who are eager to read longer stories with a wider vocabulary.

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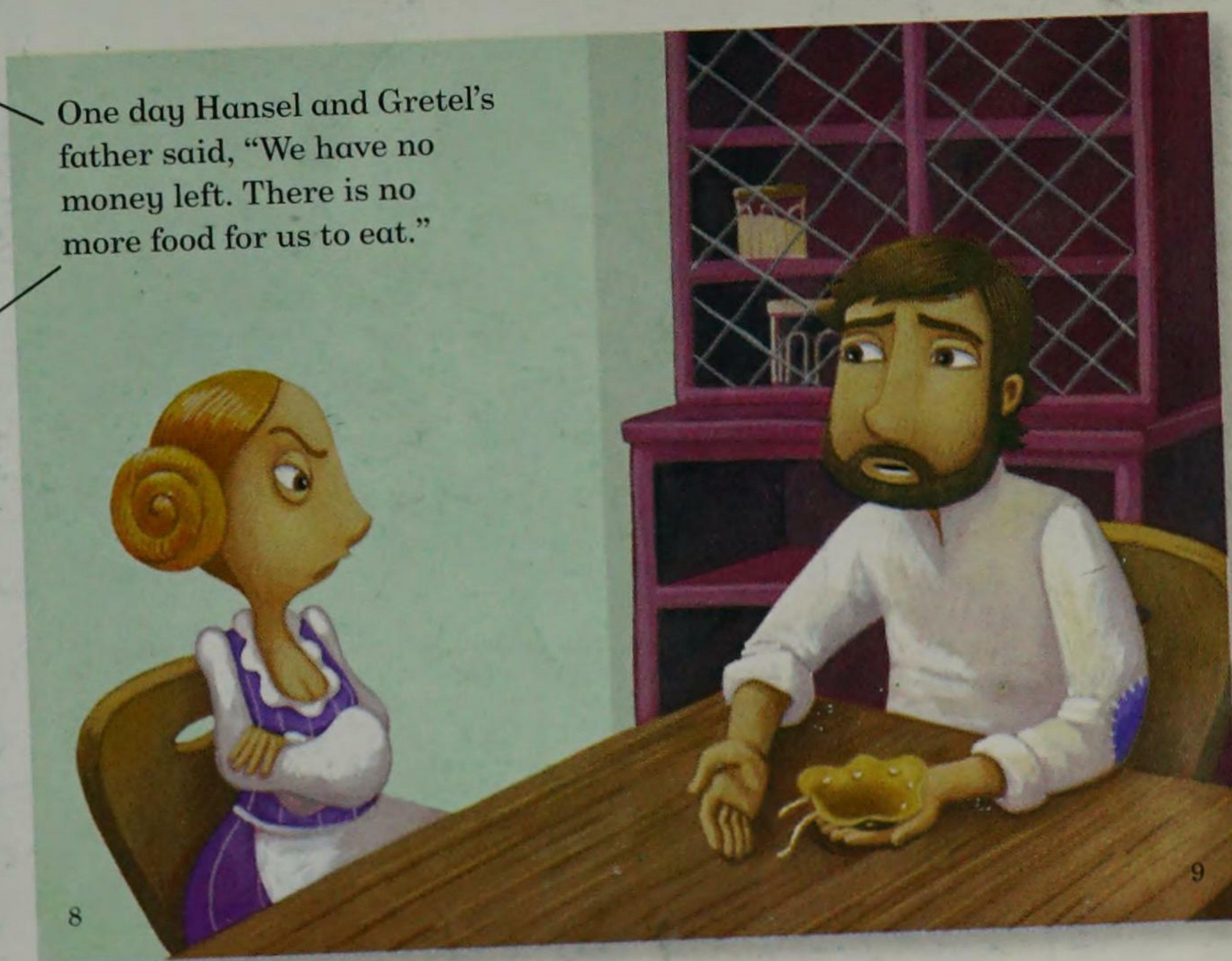
Wider vocabulary, reinforced through repetition



Longer sentences

Simple story structure

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# Hansel and Gretel



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Hansel and Gretel lived with their father and stepmother in a little house near a wood. Their father was a woodcutter and he was very poor. They were all very hungry.









One day, Hansel and Gretel's father said, "We have no money left. There is no more food for us to eat."







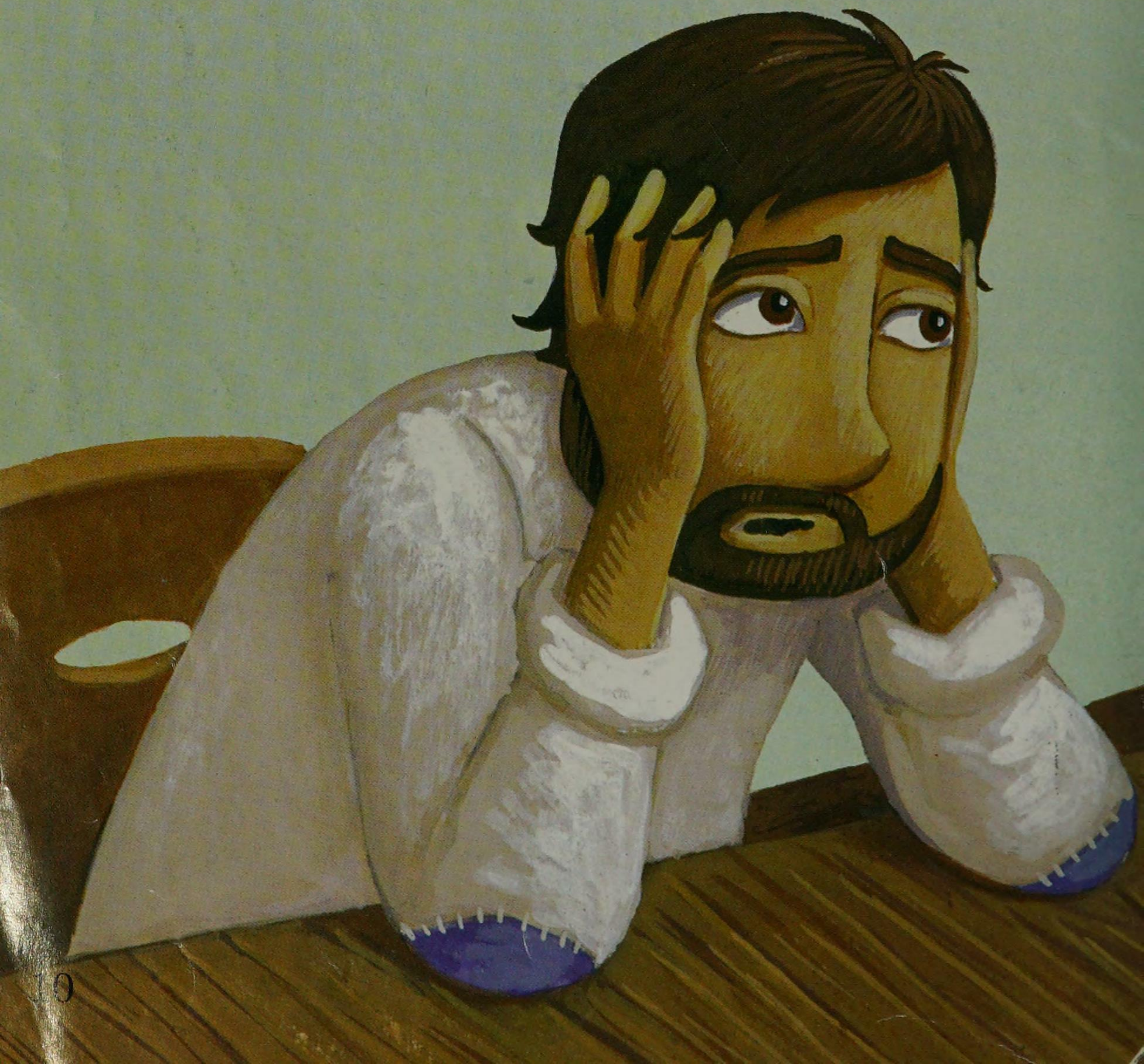


“Then Hansel and Gretel cannot live here,” said their stepmother.

“We must leave them in the middle of the wood.”

“No,” said their father.

But their stepmother said,  
“We must.”









Hansel and Gretel were  
listening at the door.

“I have a plan,” said  
Hansel, and he went out  
to get some pebbles.









The next day they all  
went into the wood.

Hansel dropped pebbles  
on the path.









“Wait here,” said their father.  
“We are going to collect wood.”

Hansel and Gretel waited all day.  
Then they followed the pebbles  
back home.









The woodcutter was glad to see Hansel and Gretel, but their stepmother was angry.

“There is not enough food for us all,” she said. “We must take Hansel and Gretel deeper into the wood.”



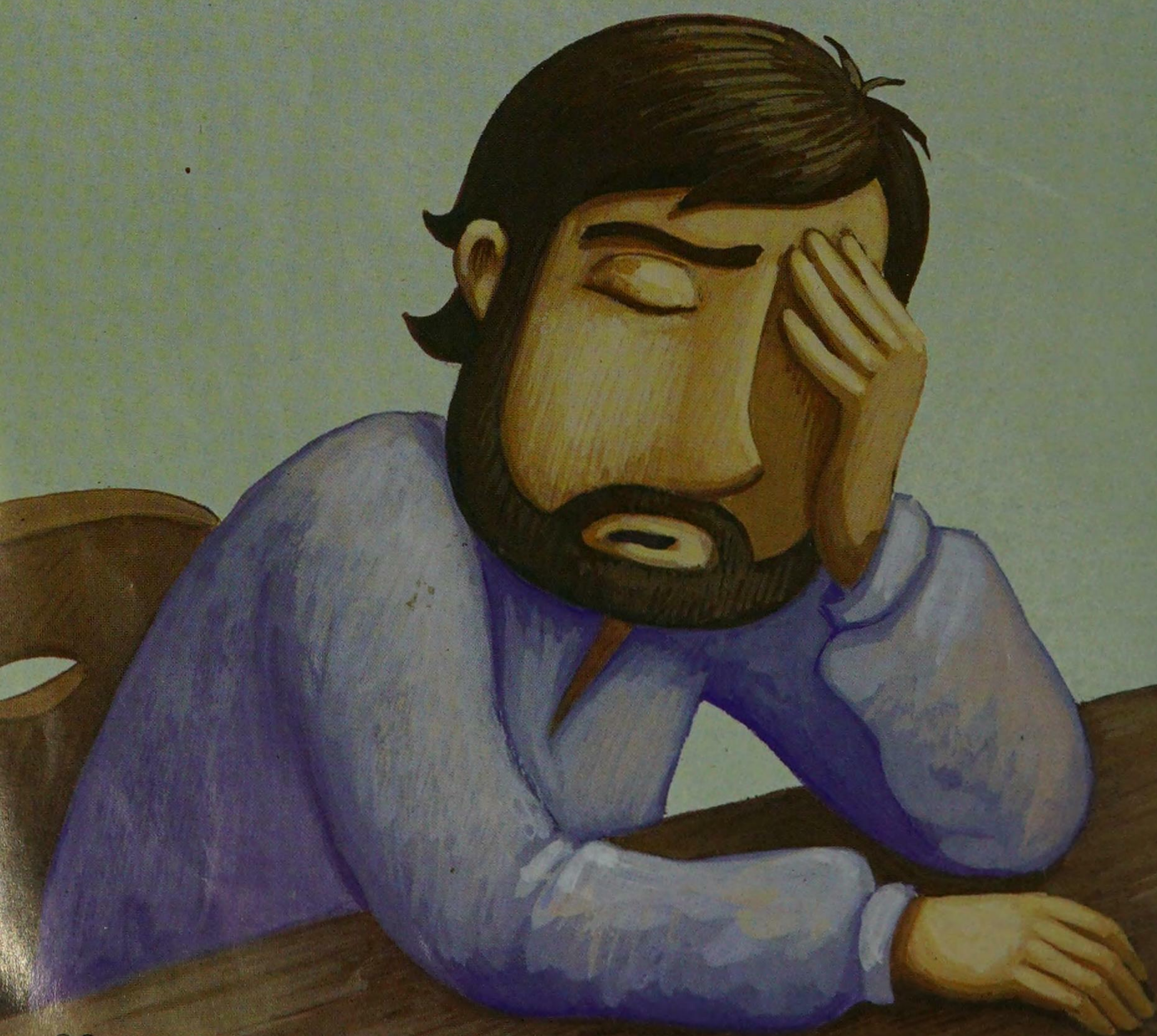






“No!” said their father, “we can’t do that.”

“We must,” said their stepmother.  
“This time they must not find their way home.”









Hansel's stepmother locked the door so that Hansel couldn't get out. He couldn't collect pebbles.









The next day they all went deep into the wood. This time, Hansel dropped breadcrumbs on the path.

“Wait here,” said their father.

“We are going to collect wood.”



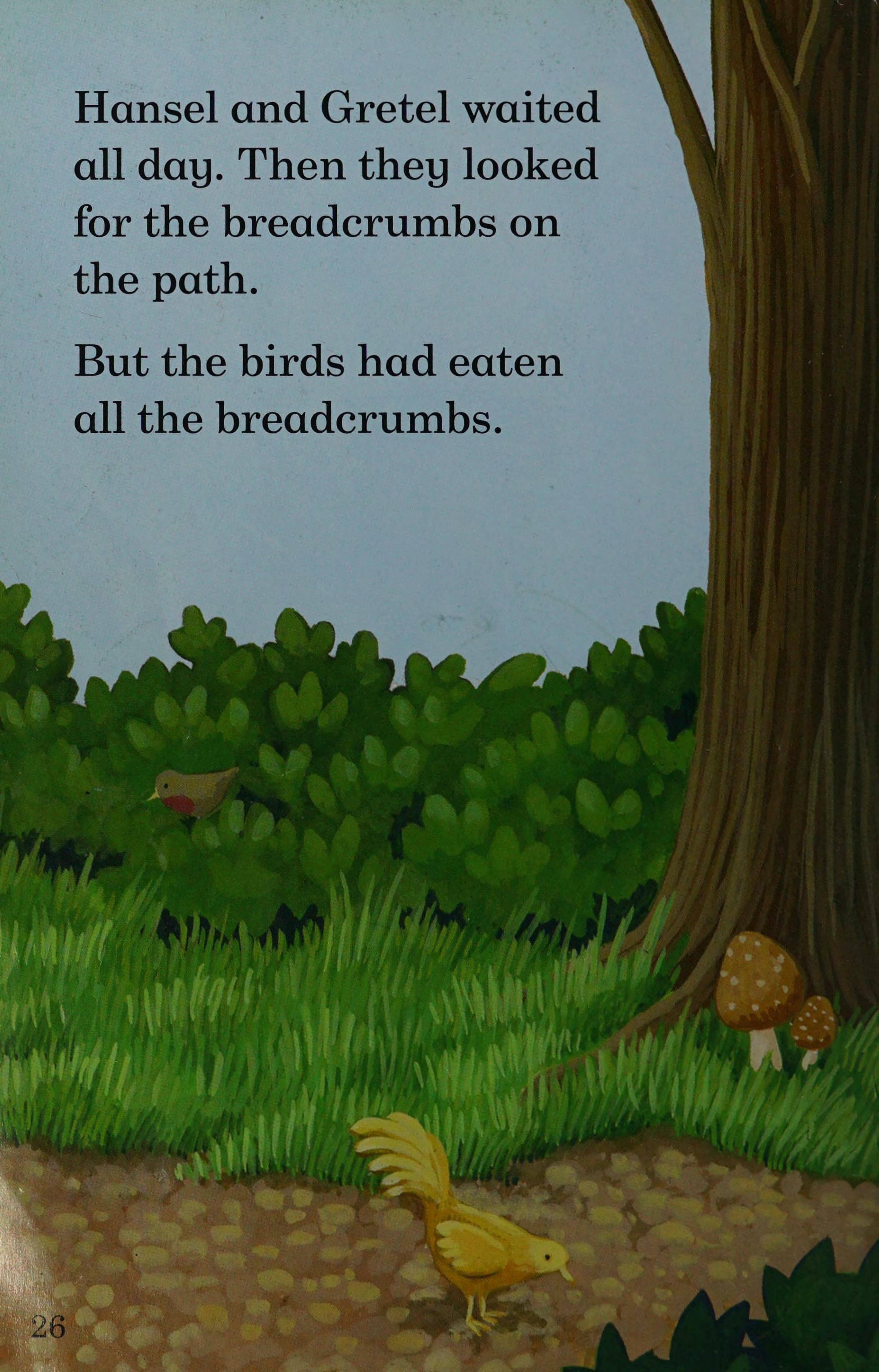






Hansel and Gretel waited  
all day. Then they looked  
for the breadcrumbs on  
the path.

But the birds had eaten  
all the breadcrumbs.



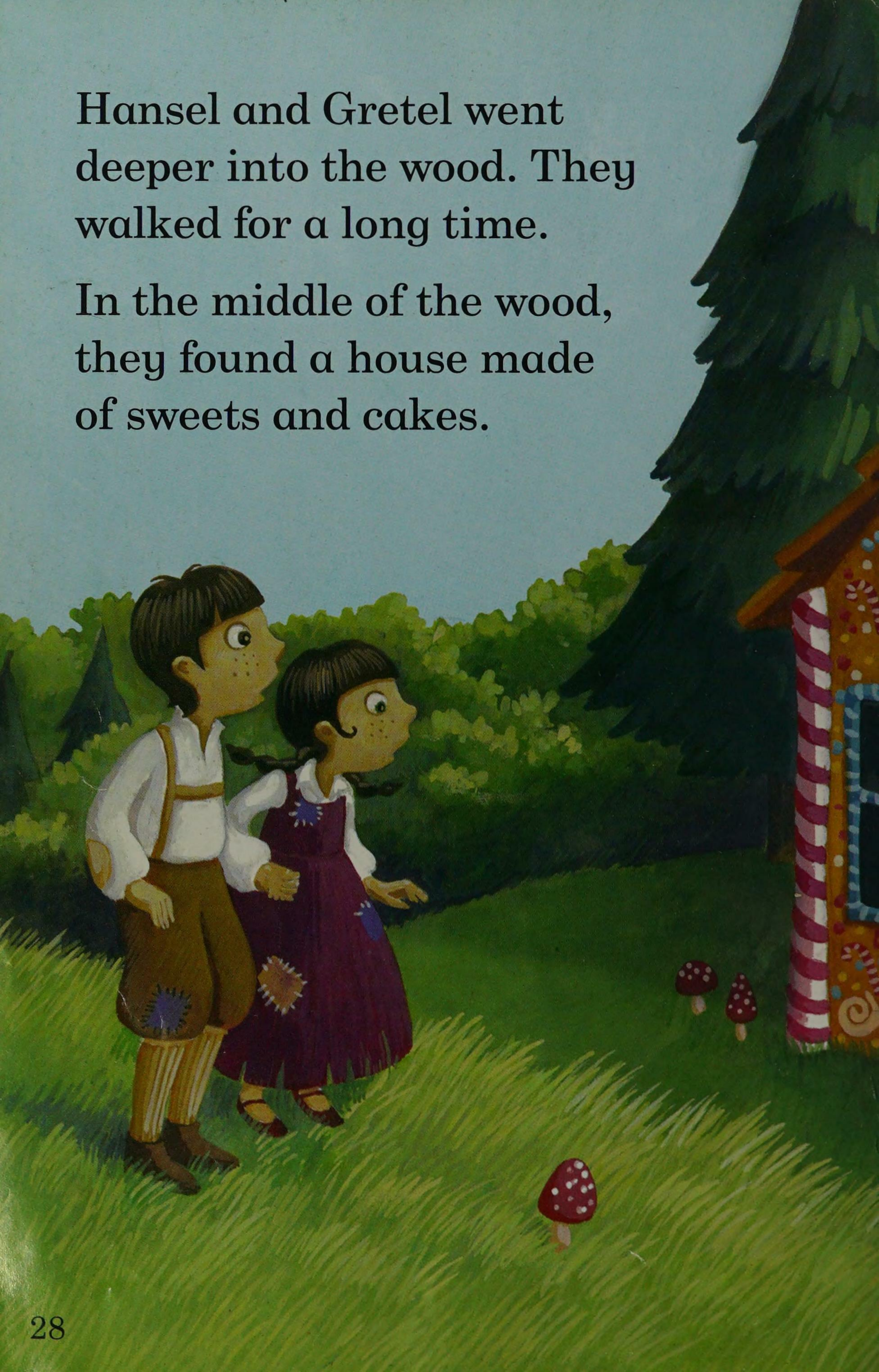






Hansel and Gretel went deeper into the wood. They walked for a long time.

In the middle of the wood, they found a house made of sweets and cakes.









In the house lived a witch.  
The witch planned to eat  
Hansel and Gretel.

She locked Hansel in a cage  
and gave him lots of food.









“Soon he will be fat enough to eat,” said the witch. “Then I will cook him in my fire.”

“Where is the fire?” said Gretel.

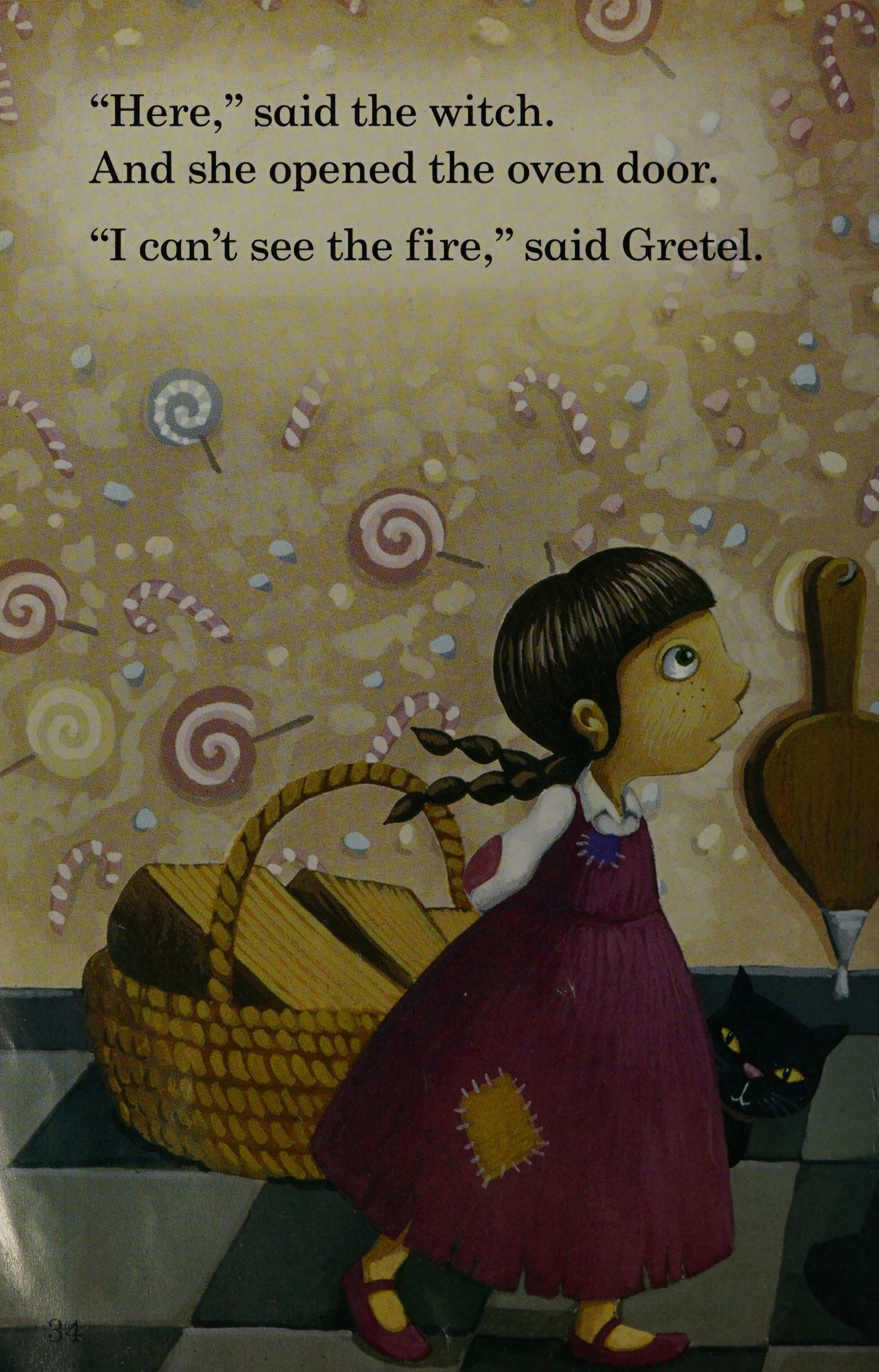








“Here,” said the witch.  
And she opened the oven door.  
“I can’t see the fire,” said Gretel.









The witch opened the  
oven door a little wider.

“I still can’t see it,”  
said Gretel.









The witch opened the oven  
door as wide as she could.

Gretel pushed her in  
and locked the door.









Gretel let Hansel out of  
the cage.

“Look at all this money,”  
said Gretel. “We can take this  
home and buy food with it.”









After a long walk, Hansel and Gretel found their way home.

Their father was very glad to see them.

“Your stepmother has gone,” he said.









So Hansel and Gretel and their father all lived happily ever after in their little house near the wood.









How much do you remember about the story of Hansel and Gretel?

Answer these questions and find out!

- Who do Hansel and Gretel live with at the beginning?
- What does Hansel and Gretel's stepmother want to do with them?
- Can you remember the two different things Hansel drops on the path?
- What is the witch's house made of?
- How does Gretel get rid of the witch?





Look at the different story sentences and match them to the people who said them.

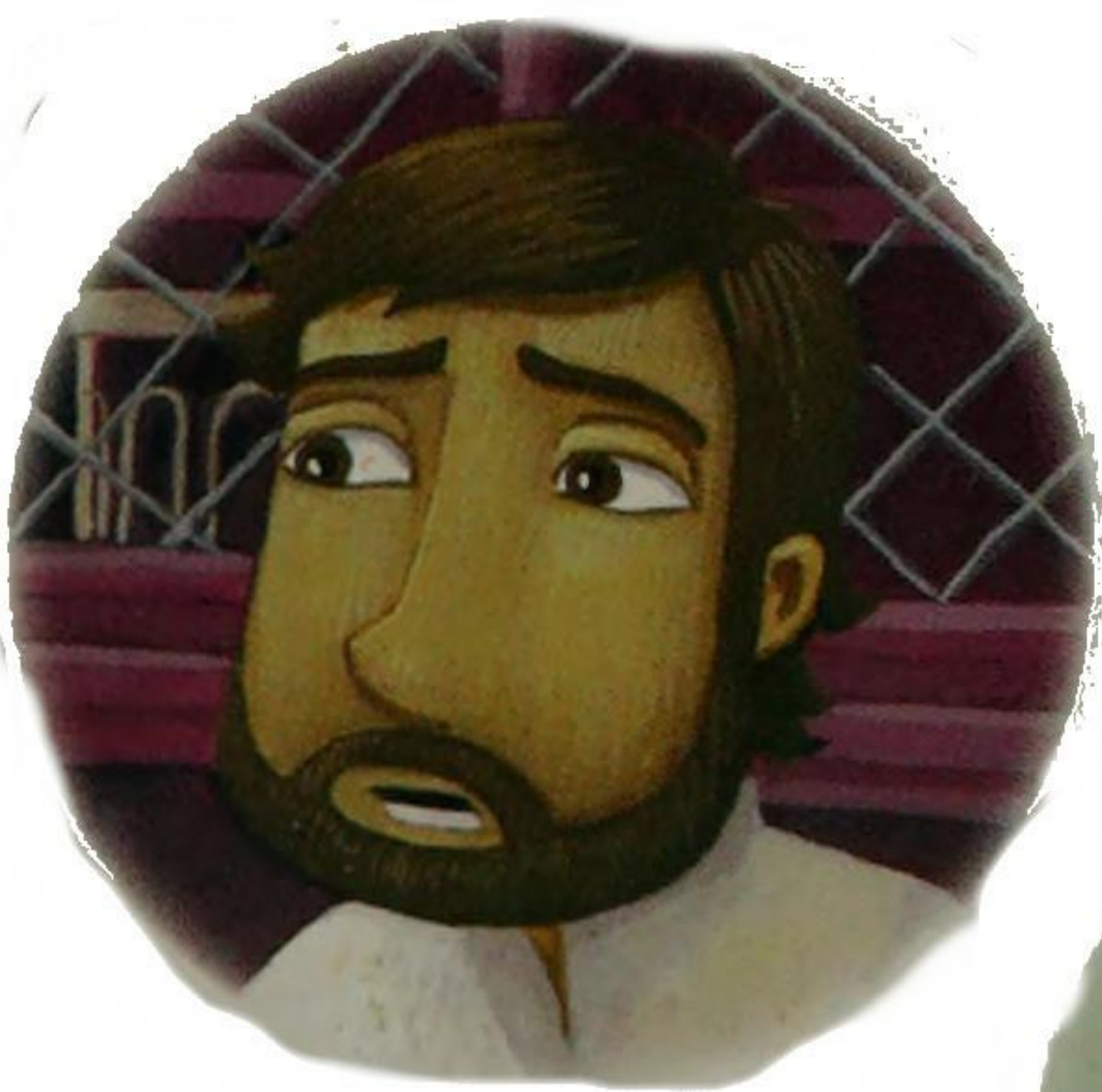
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“We must leave them in the middle of the wood.”

“I can’t see the fire.”

“I have a plan.”



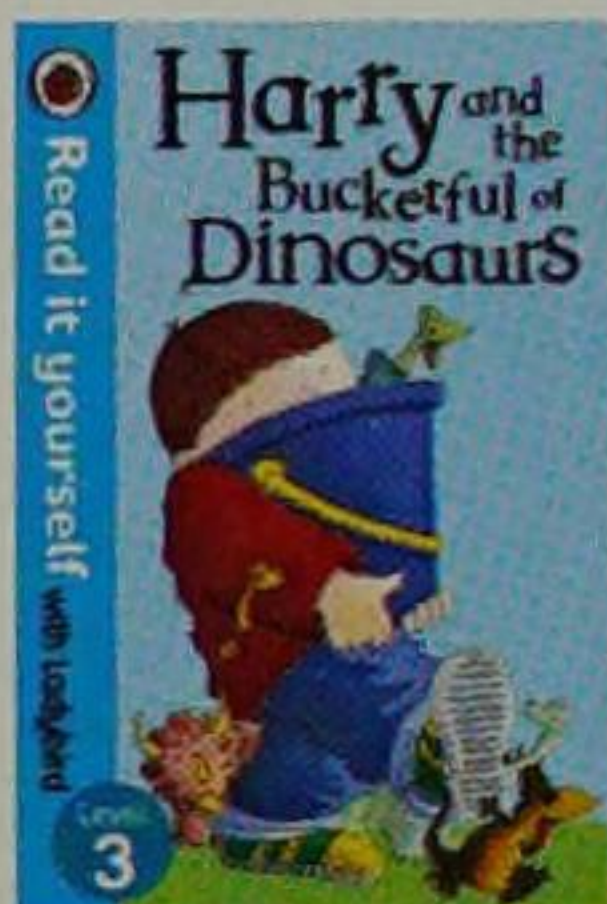
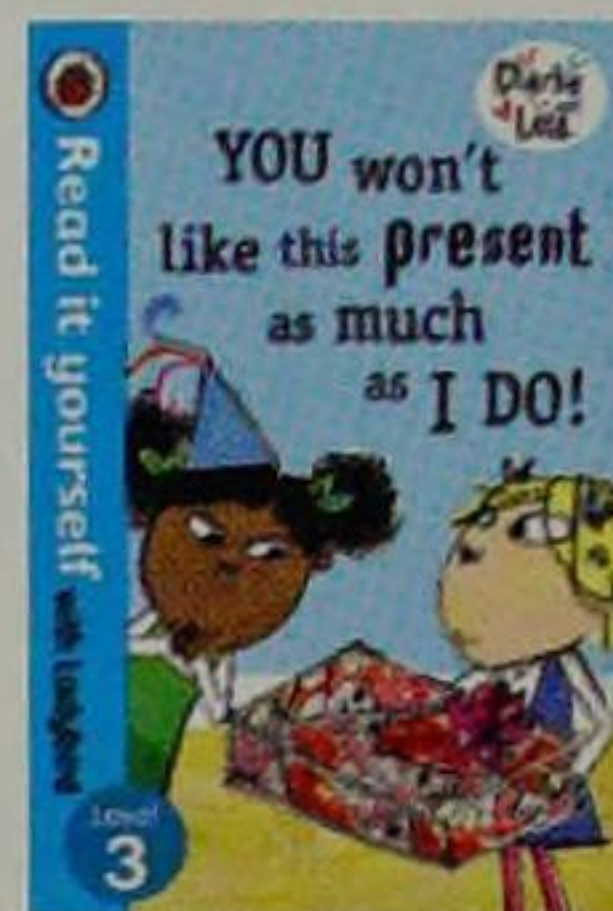


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Tick the books you've read!

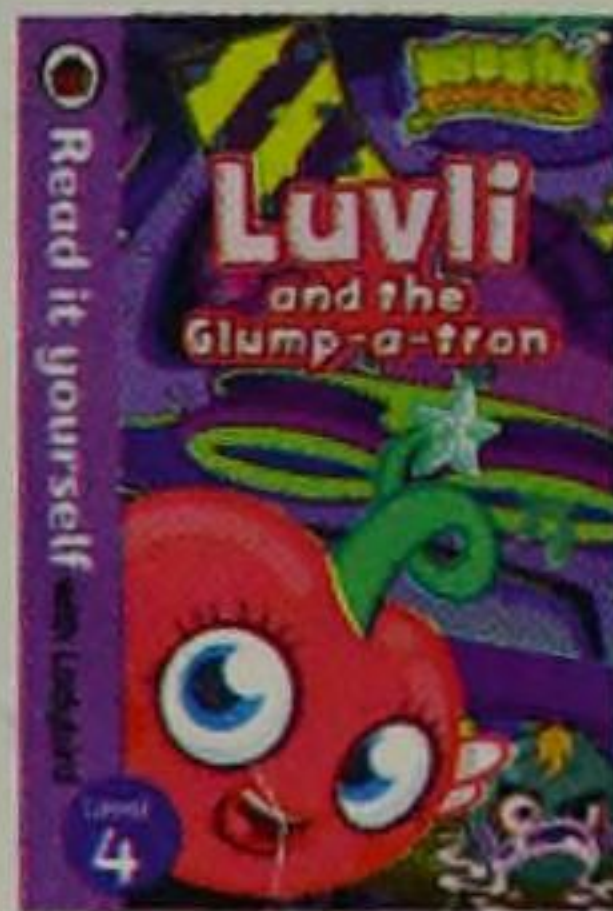
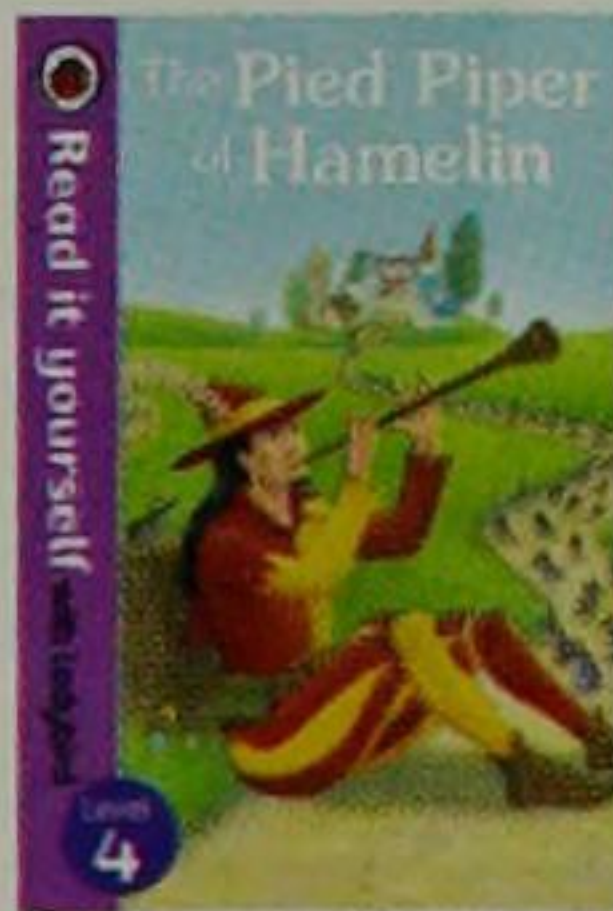
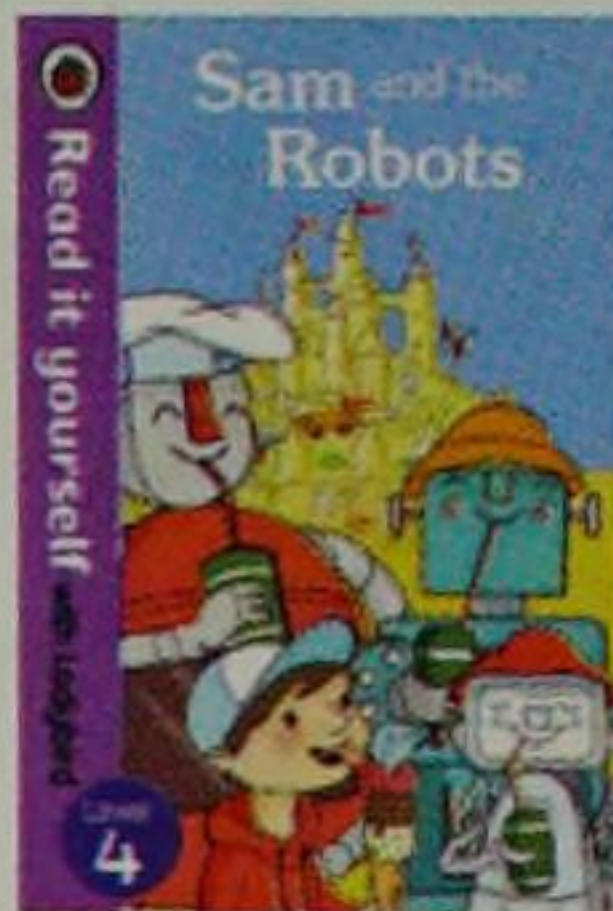
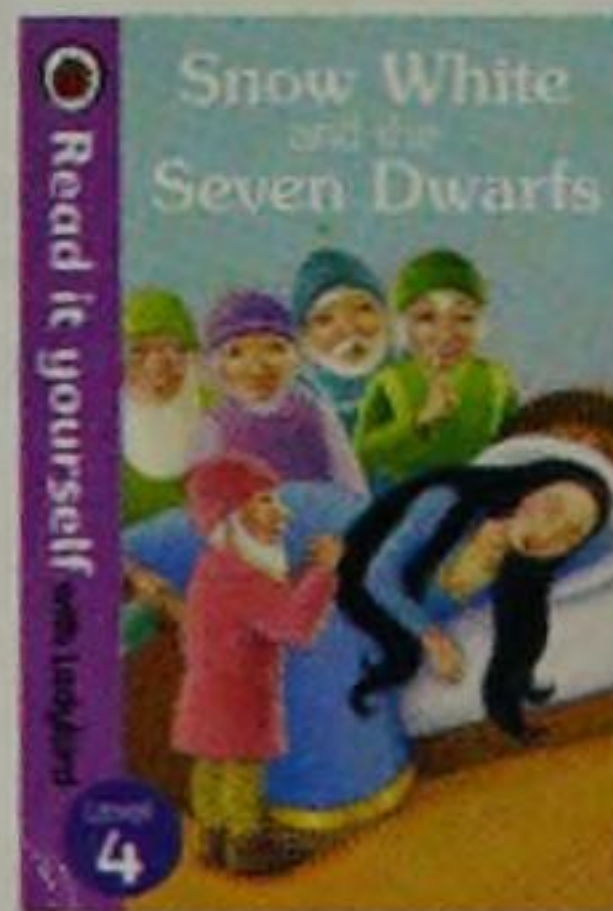
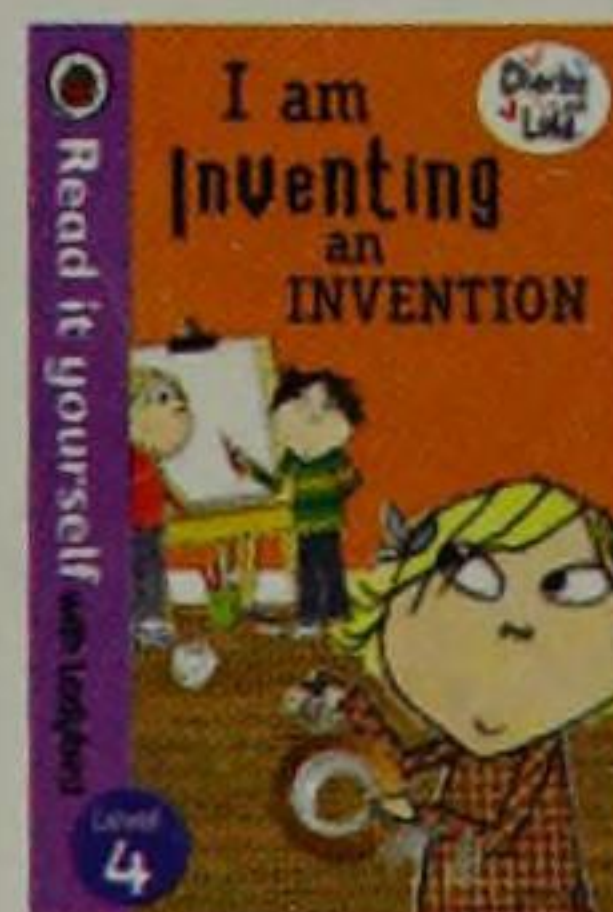
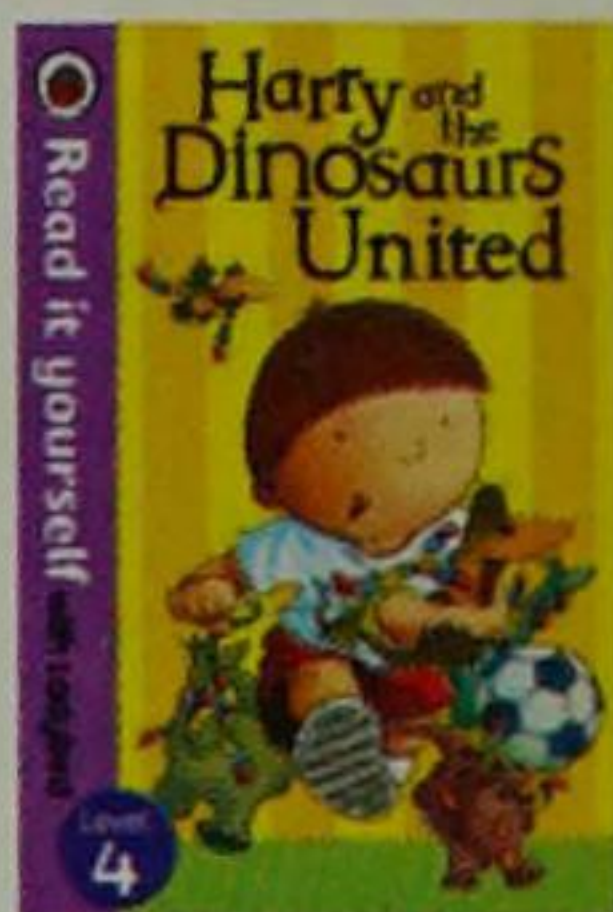
For more confident readers who can read simple stories with help.

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Longer stories for more independent, fluent readers.

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